



## Barry Wayne Whitehouse

July 24, 1943 - February 14, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Barry Wayne Whitehouse, 81, passed away on February 14, 2025, at the Mississippi State Veterans Home in Oxford, Mississippi.

Barry was born on July 24, 1943, in Newport News, Virginia, to the late Roy W. Whitehouse Jr. and Mary A. Eubanks.

Barry was a devoted family man who cherished every moment spent with his loved ones. He had a deep passion for gardening, particularly his vegetable garden, where he took great pride in growing heirloom tomatoes. He found joy in nurturing the earth and sharing his extensive knowledge as a Master Gardener and garden educator, building raised beds and donating plants throughout his community.

Barry's avid love of nature extended to his craftsman style woodworking. He meticulously designed furniture that embraced the art of the natural grain and beauty in the wood. These treasured pieces fill the homes of his family.

Travel was another significant part of Barry's life. Each year, he thoughtfully planned family adventures that created lasting memories and allowed his loved ones to experience the wonders of the world together.

Barry was an enthusiastic cyclist, always seeking new trails and experiences. Most memorably, he conquered the Natchez Trace Parkway, taking a nine-day solo cycling trip from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi. This trip inspired him and his wife to settle in Mississippi, where their family has resided for 26 years.

Barry bravely volunteered to serve his country during the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic rescue of over 40 wounded soldiers in the battlefield. He followed his military service with a 25-year career with the Federal Aviation Administration, serving as an air traffic controller. His dedication to service was a testament to his character and love for his fellow man.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Whitehouse of Oxford, Mississippi; his four daughters, Tracy Bell of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Kimberly Davenport of San Antonio, Texas, Sylvia Whitehouse and husband, Chad, of Bemont, Illinois, and Kerri Greene and husband, Larry, of Oxford, Mississippi; fifteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his two brothers, Roy W. Whitehouse III and wife, Nancy, and Bobby Whitehouse of Hampton, Virginia.

Barry is preceded in death by his parents, Roy W. Whitehouse Jr. and Mary A. Eubanks.

His family will celebrate his life in a private ceremony in nature, where Barry felt closest to God. In remembrance, they ask that loved ones plant a tree, start a garden, or donate to The Alzheimer's Association: <https://tinyurl.com/5bfu2dpd>